

## SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Grantham, Lincolnshire

**Chairman:** Richard Wrigley **Vice-Chairman:** Rory Grindey  
**Councillors:** Steph Burrows, Neville Clark, Roseanne McKee, Stuart Millington.  
**Parish Clerk:** Pamela Harrison (Mrs), 9 Telford Way, Colsterworth, Grantham, Lincs. NG33 5GH  
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Notes of the Parish Council meeting held at Skillington Village Hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.40pm.

**Present:** Cllrs R. Wrigley, S. Millington, R Grindey, N. Clark and S Burrows (arrived at 7.50pm) Cllr B. Green (SKDC).  
**In attendance** Mrs P. Harrison (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs R McKee, C. Vernon (LCC) and D. Bellamy (SKDC).
2. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest: None.**
3. **Notes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022:** Agreed and signed into minutes.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
  - 4.1 06.21/12.5 Casual vacancy on the Parish Council: Mrs B Hedley has agreed to be proposed as a Councillor.
  - 4.2 12.21/9.1 Memorial bench for Bill Meads: the site has been agreed at the top of Back Lane, near the trough. It will be delivered to Cllr. Millington. Chair and Clerk to liaise on ordering.
  - 4.3 01.22/9.3 Review of meeting time: An earlier meeting time of 6.30 pm has been agreed by the Councillors. This will take effect from the June meeting.
  - 4.4 01.22/11.1 Lop-sided cherry trees on the top green: Simpson Arboriculture has produced a quotation of £480. Cllr. Clark has agreed to trim the trees.
  - 4.5 01.22.11.4 Viking Way: The process of instigating a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) is in progress. Cllr. Grindey has reported Japanese knotweed on the Viking Way.
  - 4.6 03.22/9.1 Plant a tree for the Jubilee: The PC has agreed to plant bulbs on the Square.
  - 4.7 03.22/9.2 Great British Spring Clean: A village group needs to be formed.
  - 4.8 03.22/11.3 Fly tipping: This was reported and has been removed
  - 4.9 03.22/11.5 Water pump – no further news.
  - 4.10 03.22/11.6 Church Lane/Park Lane drain: was reported and works are planned.
5. **Planning applications:**
  - 5.1 S22/0419 Mr and Mrs Meads, Hillside Cottage, The Square: Removal of Conservatory, proposed two storey rear extension. *Pending consideration.*
  - 5.2 Any other planning applications.
6. **Cemetery:**
  - 6.1 Proposed cemetery extension: *Mr Murdoch was asked to write to his solicitor.*
  - 6.2 Any maintenance or other matters arising: None.
7. **Payments and Accounts:**
  - 7.1 Bank Balances at 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022:  
 Virgin Money a/c: £38.69 after invoices paid.  
 Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c: balance is £15008.49.
  - 7.2 Income received in March: None.

| Date of Receipt | Name | Details | Notes | Total Amount<br>£ |
|-----------------|------|---------|-------|-------------------|
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7.3 Invoices due for payment in March.

| Date of Payment | Name                                     | Details                                    | Date & Minute No. of Approval | Net Amount<br>£ | VAT<br>£ | Total Amount<br>£ |
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| 31.03.22        | Colsterworth and District Parish Council | Community Cleaner: Jan, Feb and March 2022 | 6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6    | 396.83          |          | 396.83            |

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date .....

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|          |                | (including emptying of 4 dog bins @ £2.50/bin/2 x month |            |       |  |       |
| 31.03.22 | SK Green Waste | Green bin for St James's Church                         | Per budget | 49.00 |  | 49.00 |

**8. Clerk's Report:**

- 8.1 A thank you has been received from Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance for the £100 donation in lieu of defibrillator training provided.
- 8.2 'Dance your cares away' sessions are being held at the Guildhall Arts Centre, Grantham from 28<sup>th</sup> April 10 to 11am.

**9. Matters to be discussed at this meeting:**

- 9.1 General smell in the village: SKDC has been contacted regarding the Crabtree Lane lagoon odour management plan.
- 9.2 Blocking of the Bus stop outside the Cross Swords: Cllr Wrigley will contact the Cross Swords, regarding cars blocking the bus stop on Friday and Saturday evenings. The PC will formally request double yellow lines. RW

**10. District and County Councillor's Reports:**

The following report was sent by Cllr Green.

Central Government's £150 energy rebate will be paid by SKDC, for those in properties banded A to D, from 25 April. Those paying Council Tax by Direct Debit will receive it slightly faster than those who do not, and there is still time to sign up for Direct Debit and benefit from more rapid payment. Further details can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/council-tax-rebate-factsheet>.

35 local hosts have come forward to house Ukrainian refugees in SK – a nationally significant figure. DBS background checks are almost complete and SKDC will be the first local authority to lead property inspections affirming living conditions are up to standard. £200 is payable per refugee, £350 per household per month receiving refugees and £10,500 per head to LCC, to cushion the impact on public services.

Applications for Woodland Trust community tree packs, which are free and come in a variety of themes from hedging to fruit trees, have recently re-opened. Successful applications at this time would result in a November delivery. More information here: <https://woodlandtrust.org.uk/freetrees>.

**11. Any matters arising at the discretion of the Chairman.**

- 11.1 The paddock's grass is not in a good state. The Clerk will look into the terms of the rental agreement. PH
- 11.2 A query regarding road repairs confirmed that the Square will not be dressed.
- 11.3 The bridge on Crabtree Lane is owned by Tata Steel. It may be the road underneath which is subsiding. Cllr Grindey will inspect the bridge and the road running underneath. RG
- 11.4 There is still garden waste created by SKDC on Stonepit Lane. Cllr Burrows to report. SB

The meeting was closed at 8.30 pm.

**The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting and will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Skillington Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.**